

REMARKS

By the above amendment, applicant has canceled claims 8-14 and 16-18 without prejudice. Claims 1 and 15 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,155,447 (Edwards).

In response to these rejections, applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable over Edwards, as follows:

Amended claim 1 recites in part:

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...at least two division plates orthogonally disposed between the frames, one of which being parallel to the side plates...the frames, the side plates and the division plates define at least three spaces for holding substrates...

Applicant submits that Edwards does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the invention as currently recited in claim 1.

Edwards does disclose a printed circuit board carrier (10) having at least two adjustable vertical side members (23), which are adjustable horizontally to vary the spacing between the vertical side members (23)...(see FIG 1 and column 1, lines 15-21). However, Edwards does not disclose or suggest a cassette for supporting substrates having...at least two division plates orthogonally disposed between the frames, one of which being parallel to the side plates...wherein the frames, the side plates and the division plates